

Minutes

New Harmony Bicentennial Commission

June 21, 2011

6:00 p.m. Thralls Opera House

Present:

American Legion Post 370
Garden Club of New Harmony
Historic New Harmony
New Harmony Kiwanis Club
New Harmony Ministerial Assoc.
New Harmony School Corporation
The New Harmony Art Galleries

The Ribeyre Gymnasium Restoration Group
Town Council
Tri Kappa of New Harmony
Robert L. Blaffer Foundation

Charles Huck (for Steve Brown)
Patricia Gosh
Christine Crews
Marcia Lange
Phyllis Westfall
Rick Johnson
Maggie Rapp
(for Erika Myers-Bromwell)
Addison Lange
Linda Warrum (for Don Gibbs)
Rita Reynolds
Karen Walker (for James Sanders)

Also attending:

Jan Kahle (Executive Assistant)
Ray McConnell (Co-Chairperson)
Liz Mumford (interested citizen)
Missy Parkison (Community Engagement Manager, Historic New Harmony)
Connie Weinzapfel (Co-Chairperson)

Not present:

Friends of the Working Men's Institute
Harmonie Associates
Masonic Lodge
New Harmony Artist's Guild
New Harmony Business Associates
Parks & Recreation/Tree Board
Plan and Historic Preservation Commission
Posey County Commissioners
Red Geranium Enterprises
University of Southern Indiana
Working Men's Institute

Jeanne Maudlin
Donna Creek
Tom Straw
Jenifer Blevins
Lora Arneberg
Johnathon Scott
Mickey Grimm
Ann Greenfield
Judy Alsop
Ed Jones
Nathan Maudlin

Committee Reports:

I. Event/Activity Application

Rita Reynolds presented the proposed event/activity application for discussion. (See Attached). Application from organizations deadline is December 1, 2011 and the deadline for individuals will be June 1, 2012. It will be distributed via the town office as well as the town web site. It was also decided to have the application in the Posey County News and various locations around town. The Bicentennial Steering Committee will approve the applications by December 6, 2011. After discussion regarding the wording for the request for funding, Rita will revise and present at the next meeting. Jan Kahle will create a New Harmony Bicentennial Face Book page. It was also decided that all applications will be returned to the post office box secured by the Commission. Karla Atkins has secured a post office box for the commission; post office box # 36. Karen Walker suggested that we get post office box #200 if it is available. Jan Kahle will take care of the change.

II. Logo & Merchandise Committee

Maggie Rapp (substituting for Erika Myers-Bromwell) reported that the committee that investigated on-line how other communities had coordinated logo selection. All of the sites had provided a stipend for the winning logo. Rick Johnson moved that the winner of the New Harmony Bicentennial logo be awarded \$200.00; Rita Reynolds seconded and with no discussion the motion passed. Deadline for logo application submission is December 1, 2011.

It was decided that the applications would be invited from anyone. Maggie and Erika will send the information to various art groups and be available on their respective galleries' web sites. The application may be sent to the P.O. box and will be reviewed by Erika and Maggie. They will select the applications to be reviewed by the commission. Each application will be required to be 8 ½ c 11 size; available on paper as well as digital; five color and print ready for various surfaces. If possible, the artist will be given credit.

III. Cultural/International Exchange Committee

Linda Warrum presented a recap of the work done by this committee (See Attached). Included are contacts in Germany, France and Scotland. Mick McConnell suggested domestic sites be included. The possibility of trips to these locations was discussed as well as exhibits, lectures and other cultural exchanges. Deadline to finalize the Cultural Exchange Plan is June 1, 2012.

IV. Fundraising

Jim Sanders is chairperson of this committee and Connie Weinzapfel reported that a co-chairperson be named. This committee will investigate funding opportunities and have a list available.

V. Grantwriting

Connie Weinzapfel reported that the grant writer for USI Outreach and Engagement will assist with grants. Connie will write them.

VI. Publicity Plan

Karen Walker has agreed to chair this committee. Karen will be invited to attend the Steering Committee meetings.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Marsha Lange suggested video recording the Bicentennial activities and agree to be in charge of this.

Liz Mumford and Maggie Rapp both suggested having a pageant, similar to the ones held in 1914 and 1964. Liz will lead this endeavor with the assistance of every member of the commission.

The Capstone event of the Bicentennial Celebration will be August 1-10, 2014. Nathan Maudlin will be the chairperson.

Copies may be made at the Town Clerk's office.

Remember this group is the "Bicentennial Commission"; not committee.

Jan Kahle and Karla Atkins have keys to the P.O. Box. Jan will check the mail and distribute to the appropriate committee member(s).

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in Thralls Opera House.